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Court Denies Bail for Wife of Man Accused of Selling Secrets to Israel

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WASHINGTON, Dec. 3 — A Federal magistrate denied bond today for Anne Henderson-Pollard after prosecutors asserted she might disclose national security secrets to hostile countries if released.

Mrs. Henderson-Pollard is the wife of Jonathan Jay Pollard, a Navy analyst who has been accused of selling secret documents to Israel.

In a motion filed late Monday, the Government contended that Mrs. Henderson-Pollard was familiar with the documents her husband has been charged with stealing. It quoted a "witness" as saying she intended to make a "presentation" of some classified material to the Chinese embassy.

Patrick J. Attridge, the magistrate, accepted the Government's argument that there was a substantial danger Mrs. Henderson-Pollard might flee. He also said her release would pose a "danger to the community," a reference to the Government's argument that she had learned enough about the documents to provide damaging descriptions.

Her Father Was to Post Bond

Mrs. Henderson-Pollard showed no emotion as the magistrate rejected the conditions for release proposed by her lawyer, James F. Hibey. Her father, Bernard Henderson, had been prepared to offer as bond a painting valued at \$75,000 that he was saving to help support himself when he retires, Mr. Hibey said.

In the initial criminal complaint filed last month by Federal officials, Mrs. Henderson-Pollard was charged with misusing national defense documents, a charge under the espionage statute that carries a maximum sentence of 10 years in prison. Joseph DiGenova, the United States Attorney for the District of Columbia, said today that the grand jury might return indictments on charges of espionage or conspiracy to commit espionage, which both carry life sentences.

Mr. DiGenova said the format for questioning Israeli witnesses had not yet been resolved. The United States has said it wants to interview at least two Israeli diplomats with whom Mr. Pollard is believed to have had contact. Mr. DiGenova would not rule out the possibility that the diplomats could be asked to return to the United States.

He added that husband and wife would probably be charged in a single indictment and could be tried together. John A. Walker Jr., a retired Navy man accused of spying for the Soviet Union in a separate case, was indicted along his son. Both recently pleaded guilty before trial.

Wider Involvement Seen

In a motion filed Monday, prosecutors argued that Mrs. Henderson-Pollard's involvement in her husband's espionage activities was deeper than first indicated.

It said that among the documents found in a search of a suitcase owned by the Pollards were several secret reports on Chinese intelligence operations in the United States.

According to the motion, several other documents found were classified above "top secret." It suggested that some of the information in the documents had been obtained from a single source whose identity would easily be known if Mrs. Henderson-Pollard gave even the general outlines of the documents' contents.

The motion detailed what it said were the couple's preparations to flee. It said that when Mr. Pollard was arrested after an unsuccessful attempt at political asylum at the Israeli Embassy, his wife carried a purse with their birth certificates, family photos and marriage certificate. In her other hand she carried a red bag with the family cat.

Mr. Hibey said the Government's arguments were unproved. He said that the "presentation" at the Chinese Embassy was simply a business meeting that involved no secret documents. "I just think they're trying to make more of this case than there is," he told the magistrate.

Hearings in Senate on Spies

On Capitol Hill, meanwhile, a Senate Committee held the second in a series of hearings on espionage by diplomats of the Soviet Union and Soviet bloc in this country.

James D. Harper, a former high technology executive recounted his recruitment by Polish intelligence in a plot to steal military secrets. He suggested, as did other witnesses, that the intelligence services of the Eastern bloc countries worked closely with Moscow. Mr. Harper said that the "shopping list" given to him by his Polish handlers appeared to have been prepared by the Soviet Union.

Mr. Harper said that the high-technology area around San Jose, Calif., was a prime target for Soviet espionage.

Mr. Harper said his motivation for becoming a spy was monetary. When he involved his wife, who has since died, in stealing documents from her employer, he recalled telling her, "We could both make money on the deal." He said he was paid \$250,000.

Now serving a life sentence, Mr. Harper appeared before committee in a green prison uniform.

Asked if he thought executives in the area were concerned about espionage, Mr. Harper said, "Their only concern was that they weren't in on it and making money."